(a) whether the Government have decided that the Centrally sponsored schemes such as Operation Black Board, Teacher Education, Non-formal Education, Mid-Day-meal Scheme and National Literacy Mission Schemes will be handled by the Union Government in near future;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are considering the transfer of Secondary Education Sector, Computer Literacy, vocationalisation of Secondary Education and promotion of yoga to the State Sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These schemes are in Elementary and Literacy sectors of education which are under the Basic Minimum Services Programme of the Government.

(c) and (d) An attempt has been made to delineate Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Secondary Education Sector and Language Development for transfer to the States based on the recommendations adopted by the conference of Chief Ministers on Basic Minimum Services held in New Delhi on 4-5 July, 1996. The details of these schemes are as under:

Secondary Education

1. Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS).
2. Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC).
3. Vocationalisation of Secondary Education.
4. Environment Orientation of School Education.
5. Improvement of Science Education.
6. Promotion of Yoga.
7. Educational Technology.

Language Development

8. Appointment and Training of Hindi Teachers in Non-Hindi Speaking States/UTs.
9. Appointment and Training of Modern Indian Languages Teachers in Hindi Speaking States/ UTs.
10. Appointment of Urdu Teachers.

Use of Old-Unfit Horses by Armed Forces

*512. SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which armed forces use its old/ unfit horses; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Old and Unfit horses are disposed of by the Armed Forces in the following manner:—

(a) *Destruction:* Those horses which are incurably injured or are suffering from chronic diseases and cannot be cured are euthanised.

(b) *Issue to Serum Institutes:* Horses which are in the satisfactory state of health and not suffering from any infectious/contagious disease are given free of cost to Serum Institutes engaged in production of life saving vaccines for human and veterinary use.

(c) *Cast & Sale:* Those horses which are unfit for Military duties but considered suitable for light work are sold to educational institutes and to riding clubs as per Defence Services regulations in force.

Vocational Education Centres

*513 SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vocational Education Centres functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Vocational Education Centres proposed to be opened during 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) whether Vocational Course has not yet been introduced at Secondary level; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (d) There are no separate vocational education centres. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, vocational sections have been started in schools at higher secondary level. The number of vocational sections functioning in the country is given State-wise in the enclosed Statement. Under the Scheme, no specific allocations are made for individual States/UTs. Vocational sections are sanctioned on the basis of proposals received from States/UTs.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Vocational Education at Lower Secondary Stage has also been introduced since 1993-94, under which vocational courses are offered in class IX and X in schools.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of the States/UTs	No. of Sections/ Centres
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	994
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—
3.	Assam	350
4.	Bihar	444
5.	Goa	89
6.	Gujarat	621
7.	Haryana	651
8.	Himachal Pradesh	50
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	16
10.	Karnataka	1227
11.	Kerala	690
12.	Madhya Pradesh	640
13.	Maharashtra	2842
14.	Manipur	48
15.	Meghalaya	4
16.	Mizoram	6
17.	Nagaland	—
18.	Orissa	424
19.	Punjab	486
20.	Rajasthan	463
21.	Sikkim	7
22.	Tamil Nadu	1540
23.	Tripura	2
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1865
25.	West Bengal	37
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	—
27.	Chandigarh	35
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
29.	Daman & Diu	—
30.	Delhi	54
31.	Lakshadweep	—
32.	Pondicherry	15
	Total	13602

AIDS Control

*514 DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doubling time of AIDS cases in India is now less than a year, as compared with five years in Africa and seven in the western countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken to check this trend;

(c) whether the technical advisory committee of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has been abolished; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the alternative arrangements made to ensure effective monitoring of AIDS control measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The number of AIDS cases reported in India, Africa and America is indicated below:

Year	India	Africa	America
1993	269	103505	22347
1994	458	65441	24594
1995	1092	64605	21259

(b) The Government has taken various steps for prevention and control of AIDS.

— State AIDS Cells have been set up in every State/Union Territory for strengthening Programme Management capabilities. 62 surveillance centres and 9 referral centres have been set up in the country.

— A major training programme has been launched aimed at training medical officers, para-medical staff involved in blood transfusion serivces, sexually transmitted diseases and care of AIDS patients. 11,700 doctors have received training.

— Training modules have been prepared and supplied to various training centres all over the country.

— A major programme for Information, Education & Communication is under implementation using all media agencies.

— To ensure safe blood transfusion services in the country, national and state blood tansfusion councils have been set up to regulate supply of safe blood and blood products.

— The programme for control, sexually transmitted diseases, have been strengthened by providing drugs, equipments and consumables.